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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES SONYJP 3.3-453 **DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)** U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 GFR 1.5) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PCT/JP2005/012827 20 July 2004 12 July 2005 TITLE OF INVENTION SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Ko Ishimoto et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must 3. x include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) 5. x is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. b.l Х C. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) w/PCT Request. 6. X X is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. X Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 w/Form PTO-1449 (7 references). 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A preliminary amendment. 14. х An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825. 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

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20. x Other items or information: Sixteen (16) sheets of Formal Drawings; Copy of Face Page of International									
Application as published; Return Receipt Postcard									
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The following fees have been submitted						CALCULATIONS PTO USEONLY		PTO USEONLY	
21. x Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))							00.00		
22. X Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)							\$ 200.00		
23. X Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority. \$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office previously communicated to the US by the IB. \$400 All other situations \$500							\$ 500.00		
	TOTAL OF 21,	 				\$ 1,0	00.00		
Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.									
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Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).									
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Independent claims 6 - 3 = 3 x 200.00 600.00 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + - - -									
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =							\$ 1,600.00		
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.									
SUBTOTAL =						\$ 1,600.00			
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).									
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =							\$ 1,600.00		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +							\$		
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a. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the above								
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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.								
C. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1095 . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.								
d. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038								
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed an granted to restore the International Application to pending status.								
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